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SUBJECT: MESSAGE RE QUEEN ELIZABETH

FOR GENERAL MINTER

1. TO CONFIRM BUELL TELECON APRIL 25, FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE WHICH BRITISH EMBASSY REQUESTED BE PASSED TO GENERAL MINTER AND GOVERNOR.

2. BEGIN TEXT. HER MAJESTY WISHES TO EXPRESS HER VERY REAL DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE CANCELLATION AND TO EXPLAIN THAT THE REASON FOR THE CHANGE OF PLAN IS THAT IN THE MIDST OF THE VIETNAM OPERATION IT WOULD BE WRONG TO DISTRACT ATTENTION AND RESOURCES BY STAYING ON THE BASE AT THIS TIME. HER MAJESTY GREATLY APPRECIATES GENERAL MINTER'S SUGGESTION THAT HER VISIT SHOULD GO AHEAD BUT REGRETFULLY AND WITH THE ADVICE OF UNITED KINGDOM MINISTERS FEELS IT WISER TO CHANGE HER PLANS.

BECAUSE OF THE NEED OF A CREW CHANGE, THE AIRCRAFT MUST REFUEL IN GUAM. THIS WOULD GIVE HER MAJESTY AND THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH THE CHANCE TO SEE AND THANK GOVERNOR AND GENERAL MINTER, IF THEY WISH TO BE PRESENT BETWEEN 1310 LOCAL TIME AND 1410 LOCAL TIME SUNDAY, MAY 4 AT AGANA AIRFIELD FOR THIS OPERATION. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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